

UNIT

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THE ARABIC ALPHABET

الحروف الأبجدية العربية

al-huruf al-abjadeah al-arabiyyah

Notes:

- Arabic is written from right to left.
- Arabic Alphabet consists of 28 letters.

Look at the following Arabic letters and the examples and listen to them. Each letter is followed by three examples.

Beginning of recorded material



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| Final | Middle | Pronunciation | The English letter | The Arabic letter+Example |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| ا أنا Anna I | ا صباح Sabah morning | Alef | a | ا (أ) أمل Amal «hope» |
| ب طيب Tayyeb kind | ب مكتبي Maktabi My desk | Ba | b | ب باب bab door |

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| ت (1) بنت bent girl | ت مستحيل Mustaheel impossible | ta | t | ت سيارات sayyaraat cars |
| ث ثلث tholth one-third | ث الثلاثاء Al-tholatha tuesday | the | th | ث ثلاث thalath three |
| ج ثلج thalg ice | ج يجيب yogeeb answer | gim | j | ج تاج tag crown |
| ح ينجح yangah succeed | ح يحب yoheb love | ha | h | ح يطرح yatrah subtract |
| خ يضخ yadokh pump | خ متخصص mutakhassis specialized | kha | kh | خ طباخ tabakh cook |
| د مصعد mis'ad lift | د حديد hadid iron | dal | d | د رماد ramad ash |
| ذ فولاذ Fulaz steel | ذ كذبة kadibah a lie | thal | th | ذ ساذج sazag fool |

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| ر سر sir secret | ر فرشة forshah brush | ra | r | ر رأس Ra's head |
| ز عاجز Agiz helpless | ز يمزق yomzzeq tear | za | z | ز كوز karaz cherry |
| س قوس qous arc | س فستان fustan a dress | sin | s | س ساق saq leg |
| ش عش ush nest | ش ريشة rishah feather | shin | sh | ش شلال shallal cataract |
| ص قفص qafas cage | ص محصول mahsul crop | sad | s | ص صديق sadiq friend |
| ض يعض ya'od bite | ض يمضغ yamdogh chew | dad | d | ض ضرائب daraeb tax |

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| ظ فظ faz rude | ظ عظيم uzim great | zaa | z | ظ ظاهر zahir clear |
| ع موضع mawdea' position | ع سعيد sa'id happy | ain | aa | ع عطشان atshan thirsty |
| غ يبلغ youbalegh inform | غ مشغول mashghool busy | ghain | gh | غ غريب ghareeb strange |
| ف ضعيف daeef weak | ف خفيف khafif light | faa | f | ف فن fann art |
| ق يُحلق yuhaleq fly | ق سقف saqf ceiling | qaf | q | ق يحلِق yahlaq shave |
| ك مستهلك mustahlik consumer | ك يكتب yaktob write | kaf | k | ك كبير kabeer big |
| ل | ل | lam | l | ل |

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| طويل tawil tall | حلم hulm dream | | | يسأل yass'al ask |
| مسلم moslim muslim | قميص qamis shirt | mim | m | ملك malek king |
| عشرون eshroun twenty | الناس An-naas people | nun | n | فنان fanan artist |
| يكره yakrah hate | ظهرا dhohran noon | haa | h | هواء hawaa air |
| يلهو yalhoo play | يقول yaqool say | waw | w | وادي waddey valley |
| ينحني yanhany bent | أبيض abyad white | yaa | y | ي / يـ يجرى yagrey run |

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More Examples

أمثلة أخرى amthela okhra

| English word | How to say it | Arabic word |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1- tea | shaai | 1 - شاي |
| 2- money | nokod | 2 - نقود |
| 3- a student | taalib | 3 - طالب |
| 4- health | sehha | 4 - صحة |
| 5- happy | saaeed | 5 - سعيد |
| 6- a country | balad | 6 - بلد |
| 7- an Indian | Hendi | 7 - هندي |
| 8- cold | bared | 8 - بارد |
| 9- a name | ism | 9 - اسم |
| 10- nationality | jinsiyya | 10 - جنسية |
| 11- a pen | qalam | 11 - قلم |
| 12- a child | tifl | 12 - طفل |
| 13- a house | manzel | 13 - منزل |
| 14- a teacher | mudarris | 14 - مدرس |
| 15- a man | rajul | 15 - رجل |
| 16- light | noor | 16 - نور |
| 17- a year | sanah | 17 - سنة |
| 18- a month | shahr | 18 - شهر |
| 19- sugar | sukar | 19 - سكر |
| 20- want | ureed | 20 - أريد |
| 21- hall | salah | 21 - صالة |
| 22- dinars | dananeer | 22 - دنانير |
| 23- a flat | shaqqa | 23 - شقة |

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| 24- certificate | shahadah | 24 - شهادة |
| 25- an appointment | mau-ed | 25 - موعد |
| 26- today | Al-yaum | 26 - اليوم |
| 27- late | muta'akhir | 27 - متأخر |
| 28- tomorrow | ghadan | 28 - غداً |
| 29- paper | waraqah | 29 - ورقة |
| 30- crowded | muzdahim | 30 - مزدحم |
| 31- holiday | ejaazah | 31 - إجازة |
| 32- sick | mareed | 32 - مريض |
| 33- card | betaqah | 33 - بطاقة |
| 34- license | ejazat qiyada (rokxa) | 34 - إجازة قيادة (رخصة) |
| 35- French | Al-fransiyah | 35 - الفرنسية |
| 36- week | usboo-a | 36 - أسبوع |
| 37- university | jameah | 37 - جامعة |
| 38- color | laun | 38 - لون |
| 39- journalism | sahafah | 39 - صحافة |
| 40- college | kulliah | 40 - كلية |
| 41- a son | ibn | 41 - ابن |
| 42- sun | shams | 42 - شمس |
| 43- vacation | utlah | 43 - عطلة |
| 44- a hospital | mustashfa | 44 - مستشفى |
| 45- salary | rateb | 45 - راتب |
| 46- a friend | sadiq | 46 - صديق |
| 47- a doctor | tabeeb | 47 - طبيب |

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| 48- a brother | akh | 48 - أخ |
| 49- a sister | okht | 49 - أخت |
| 50- came | jaa | 50 - جاء |
| 51- last night | al-barehah | 51 - البارحة |
| 52- a wife | zaujah | 52 - زوجة |
| 53- plane | taerah | 53 - طائرة |
| 54- kitchen | matbakh | 54 - مطبخ |
| 55- market | soq | 55 - سوق |
| 56- advertisement | e.alaan | 56 - إعلان |
| 57- newspaper | jareedah | 57 - جريدة |
| 58- buy | yashtari | 58 - يشتري |
| 59- food | akl | 59 - أكل |
| 60- young | sagheer | 60 - صغير |
| 61- water | maa' | 61 - ماء |
| 62- education | tarbia | 62 - تربية |
| 63- an embassy | sefarah | 63 - سفارة |
| 64- passport | jawaz safar | 64 - جواز سفر |
| 65- an officer | dabit | 65 - ضابط |
| 66- things | aghrad | 66 - أغراض |
| 67- early | mubakkir | 67 - مبكر |
| 68- opened | maftooh | 68 - مفتوح |
| 69- old | ajooz | 69 - عجوز |
| 70- cheap | rakhees | 70 - رخيص |
| 71- maybe / perhaps | jaiz | 71 - جائز |

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| 72- a shoe | hiza' | 72 - حذاء |
| 73- a letter | risalah | 73 - رسالة |
| 74- nearby | qareeb | 74 - قريب |
| 75- bill | fatoorah | 75 - فاتورة |
| 76- bus-stop | mauqif al-otobis | 76 - موقف الأتوبيس |
| 77- the nurse | Al-mumaridah | 77 - الممرضة |
| 78- temperature | hararah | 78 - حرارة |
| 79- pain | alam | 79 - ألم |
| 80- nice/ kind | tayyeb | 80 - طيب |
| 81- marriage | zawaaj | 81 - زواج |
| 82- busy | mashghool | 82 - مشغول |
| 83- Friday | jumah | 83 - الجمعة |
| 84- fruit | fawakeh | 84 - فواكه |
| 85- fresh | taazij | 85 - طازج |
| 86- palace | qasr | 86 - قصر |
| 87- a bed | sareer | 87 - سرير |
| 88- a bathroom | hammam | 88 - حمام |
| 89- a room | ghurfah | 89 - غرفة |
| 90- sea | bahr | 90 - بحر |
| 91- museum | mat-haf | 91 - متحف |
| 92- clean | nadheef | 92 - نظيف |
| 93- a mountain | jabal | 93 - جبل |
| 94- a place | makaan | 94 - مكان |
| 95- summer | saif | 95 - صيف |

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| 96- beside | janeb | 96 - جانب |
| 97- ice | thalj | 97 - ثلج |
| 98- under | taht | 98 - تحت |
| 99- hot | haar | 99 - حار |
| 100- an area | mintaqa | 100 - منطقة |
| 101- here | hona | 101 - هنا |
| 102- a boat | qareb | 102 - قارب |
| 103- must | laazim | 103 - لازم |
| 104- mail | bareed | 104 - بريد |
| 105- telegram | barqiya | 105 - برقية |
| 106- person | shakhs | 106 - شخص |
| 107- a manager | mudeer | 107 - مدير |
| 108- a bank | masraf | 108 - مصرف |
| 109- a court | mahkamah | 109 - محكمة |
| 110- a judge | qadi | 110 - قاضي |
| 111- the president | al-raees | 111 - الرئيس |
| 112- a government | hukoomah | 112 - حكومة |
| 113- service | khidmah | 113 - خدمة |
| 114- profit | ribh | 114 - ربح |
| 115- business | tijaarah | 115 - تجارة |
| 116- marchant | taajir | 116 - تاجر |
| 117- an effort | maj-hood | 117 - مجهود |
| 118- a ticket | tadkarah | 118 - تذكرة |
| 119- work | amal | 119 - عمل |

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| 120- time | waqt | 120 - وقت |
| 121- picture | soorah | 121 - صورة |
| 122- fast | saree- | 122 - سريع |
| 123 information | ma-'aloomat | 123 - معلومات |
| 124- sciences | uloom | 124 - علوم |
| 125- behavior | solook | 125 - سلوك |
| 126- problem | mushkilah | 126 - مشكلة |
| 127- words | kalemat | 127 - كلمات |
| 128- an accident | haadith | 128 - حادث |
| 129- fortune/wealth | tharwah | 129 - ثروة |
| 130- chance | fursah | 130 - فرصة |
| 131- fact | haqeeqah | 131 - حقيقة |
| 132- books | kutob | 132 - كتب |
| 133- hate | yakrah | 133 - يكره |
| 134- news | akhbaar | 134 - أخبار |
| 135- reading | qirra'h | 135 - قراءة |
| 136- dentist | tabeeb asnaan | 136 - طبيب أسنان |
| 137- translation | trjamah | 137 - ترجمة |
| 138- the world | al-aalam | 138 - العالم |
| 139- an army | jaish | 139 - جيش |
| 140- happiness | sa-adah | 140 - سعادة |
| 141- law | qanoon | 141 - قانون |
| 142- a loss | khosarah | 142 - خسارة |
| 143- temple | ma-'bad | 143 - معبد |

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| 144- a company | shareka | 144 - شركة |
| 145- today | al-yaum | 145 - اليوم |
| 146- difficult | saa'b | 146 - صعب |
| 147- a train | qitar | 147 - قطار |
| 148- rivers | anhar | 148 - أنهار |
| 149- a subject | mawdoo' | 149 - موضوع |
| 150- environment | bee-ah | 150 - بيئة |
| 151- general | 'aamm | 151 - عام |
| 152- road | tariq | 152 - طريق |
| 153- church | kanisah | 153 - كنيسة |
| 154- brush | furshah | 154 - فرشاة |
| 155- beach | shati | 155 - شاطئ |
| 156- fish | samakah | 156 - سمكة |
| 157- father | ab | 157 - أب |
| 158- clock | saa' | 158 - ساعة |
| 159- black | aswad | 159 - أسود |
| 160- knee | rukbah | 160 - ركبة |
| 161- rock | sakhras | 161 - صخرة |
| 162- century | qarn | 162 - قرن |
| 163- wrong | khata' | 163 - خطأ |
| 164- great | azim | 164 - عظيم |
| 165- ring | khatim | 165 - خاتم |
| 166- horse | hosan | 166 - حصان |
| 167- lion | asad | 167 - أسد |

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| 168- garden | hadiqah | حديقة - 168 |
| 169- hotel | funduq | فندق - 169 |
| 170- street | shari' | شارع - 170 |
| 171- window | nafidah | نافذة - 171 |
| 172- dog | kalb | كلب - 172 |
| 173- queen | malikah | ملكة - 173 |
| 174- uncle | am / khal | عم / خال - 174 |
| 175- husband | zawg | زوج - 175 |
| 176- bird | ta'ir | طائر - 176 |
| 177- pencil | qalam-rosas | قلم رصاص - 177 |
| 178- maid-servant | kadimah | خادمة - 178 |
| 179- a sheep | kharuf | خروف - 179 |
| 180- cities | mudun | مدن - 180 |
| 181- grand-father | jadd | جد - 181 |
| 182- an apple | tuffahah | تفاحة - 182 |
| 183- desert | sahra' | صحراء - 183 |
| 184- a woman | imra'at | امرأة - 184 |
| 185- fire | nar | نار - 185 |
| 186- forest | ghabah | غابة - 186 |
| 187- fuel | waqood | وقود - 187 |
| 188- island | gazira | جزيرة - 188 |
| 189- rain | matar | مطر - 189 |
| 190- sand | raml | رمل - 190 |
| 191- oasis | waha | واحة - 191 |

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| 192- smoke | dukhan | دخان - 192 |
| 193- salt | milh | ملح - 193 |
| 194- university | Jam'ah | جامعة - 194 |
| 195- dress | reda' | رداء - 195 |
| 196- friend | sadiq | صديق - 196 |
| 197- enemy | 'adow | عدو - 197 |
| 198- democracy | demoqratyah | ديمقراطية - 198 |
| 199- media | 'elam | إعلام - 199 |
| 200- singer | motreb | مطرب - 200 |

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